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1. WE SAW CNEA PRESIDENT CASTRO MADERO THE DAY AFTER HIS RETURN
FROM IAEA BOG MEETING IN VIENNA AND SOUGHT EXPLICIT ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL (B).

2. ARGENTINA IS INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM OF INTERAMERICAN COOPERA-
TION IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. CASTRO MADERO ADMITS HE LACKS PERSONAL EX-
PERIENCE WITH IANEC, AND REITERATED HIS CONCERN THAT IT APPEARS
DOMINATED BY ONE "BIG BROTHER", BUT NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO ALTER-
NATIVE ORGANIZATION AVAILABLE (ON HEMISPHERE BASIS). KEY QUESTION,
HE FEELS, IS WHETHER IANEC COULD BE IMPROVED. THIS IS AN ISSUE
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WHICH, HE THINKS, NEEDS TO BE EVALUATED.

3. ARGENTINA WILL PROBABLY APPROVE THE \$400,000 APPROPRIATION.
CASTRO MADERO FEELS THAT IANEC CAN DO NOTHING ON \$10,000
BUDGETS. ARGENTINE APPROVAL, HOWEVER, ASSUMES THAT IT IS
DECIDED THAT IANEC CAN FULFILL A FUNCTION. IF IT CAN'T,
HE FEELS IT SHOULD BE DISSOLVED. UP UNTIL NOW, HE THINKS

IT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN FULFILLING A FUNCTION.

4. CONTRARY TO REFTEL (A), CASTRO MADERO IS NOW CONSIDERING ATTENDING THE LIMA MEETING. THIS IS APPARENTLY IN LARGE MEASURE THE RESULT OF THE URGING OF IPEN PRESIDENT GENERAL BARREDA AND OF ARGENTINA'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH PERU. THE FINAL DECISION HAS YET TO BE MADE, HOWEVER, IF CASTRO MADERO DOESN'T GO, THE CNEA DELEGATE WILL LIKELY BE ING. JORGE OSCAR COSENTINO, DIRECTOR OF PROJECTS.

5. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT ARGENTINA WILL KEEP ITS OPTIONS OPEN AND BE PREPARED TO GO EITHER WAY AT THE IANEC MEETING. CLEAR IMPLICATION WE GET IS THAT ARGENTINES WILL BE GUIDED BY FEELINGS OF OTHER LATAM STATES AND WILL CERTAINLY NOT RPT NOT RESIST IF THERE IS SIGNIFICANT PUSH FOR UPGRADING IANEC, AS SEEMS TO BE DEVELOPING AT LEAST FROM PARAGUAY, GOLIVIA, AND PERU. WE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE ABORTED ARGENTINE IDEA FOR A LATAM-ONLY NUCLEAR ORGANIZATION, WHICH CASTRO MADERO CLEARLY DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO PUSH IN ADVANCE OF THE IANEC MEETING. IF IANEC SHOULD DIE, HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT SURPRISE US IF THAT IDEA LATER RESURFACED. CLEARLY, THE OAS STAFF HAS FORCED THE LIMA MEETING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT CROSSROADS FOR IANEC. IF OUR DECISION IS TO OPPOSE THE BUDGET INCREASE, WE ARE UNLIKELY TO GAIN SUPPORT FROM ARGENTINA UNLESS THERE WAS A GROUNDSWELL OF FEELING IN THIS DIRECTION FROM ELSEWHERE IN LATAM.

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